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FOR: "ELECTROLESS PROCESS FOR  
TREATING METALLIC SURFACES  
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner For Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on June 02, 2005, please find the following Replacement Paragraphs for the Specification, Listing Of Claims and Remarks. The claim amendment includes a response to a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPHS

Please replace the first and second full paragraphs on Page 4, Lines 15-30 with the following new paragraphs:

The subject matter of this invention is related to Non-Provisional Patent Application No. 09/016,849, filed on January 30, 1998 and entitled "Corrosion Protective Coating". The subject matter of this invention is also related to Non-Provisional Patent Application No. 09/016,462, filed on January 30, 1998 and entitled "Aqueous Gel Composition And Use Thereof", now U.S. Patent No. 6,033,495.

The subject matter of this invention is also related to Non-Provisional Patent Application No. 09/814,641, filed on March 22, 2001, and entitled "An Energy Enhanced Process For Treating A Conductive Surface And Products Formed Thereby", now U.S. Patent No. 6,599,643, and Non-Provisional Patent Application No. 10/211,029, filed on August 03, 2002, and entitled "An Electrolytic And Electroless Process For Treating Metallic Surfaces And Products Formed Thereby", now U.S. Patent No. 6,743,039, and Application No. 10/211,094, filed on August 03, 2002 and entitled "Process For Treating A Conductive Surface And Products Formed Thereby", now U.S. Patent No. 6,911,139.